

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Oliver B. Baxter was born on November 6, 1904, to Hervey Edson and Alice Green Baxter near Grover, South Dakota, one of six children; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Oliver married Mable Kettwig on October 14, 1936, and to this union three children were born: Tom, Toni, and Carol—Oliver has ten grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, As a young man, Oliver attended South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, for four years, he went on to be a farmer and livestock dealer, you could always find him around the sale barn, Oliver was excellent in matching the cows and calves when sorting; and

*Whereas*, In 1972, Oliver moved to Watertown and now resides at Prairie Lakes Care Center; and,

*Whereas*, Oliver has served on several boards, he played Clarinet in the Peck Band, he has always loved music, and he has a great tenor voice; and,

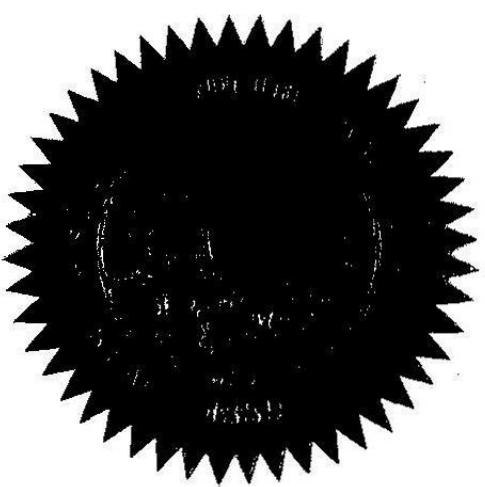
*Whereas*, Oliver will observe his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him at an open house to celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2004, as

### *OLIVER B. BAXTER DAY*

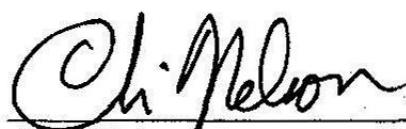
in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State